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GOVT'S BASTION ISOLATED

Red Columns Near Hsuehchou Outskirts

ANOTHER CHANGCHUN?

Nanking, November 14.
Hsuehchou, bastion of Nanking's defences, was pictured tonight as an isolated city, ripe for Communist picking whenever Chen Yi's armies are ready to make an assault.

Nationalists Abandoning Paoting City

Tientsin, November 14.
Nationalist troops have begun abandoning Paoting, capital of Hebei Province, following intensification of Communist attacks around the city, according to all indications available here today.

Consternation is said to prevail in the Nationalist stronghold, for the defence of which the Nationalists have shed much blood in the past few months, as Gairon troops, Government officials and employees and dependents of military personnel have left this important gateway to Peking and Tientsin.

A six-mile convoy, comprising trucks, carts, bicycles, mules and donkeys, escorted by the military, is at present on the way to Peking with employees of Government organisations, including even police.

Five hundred non-combatants and dependents of officials had earlier arrived at China's ancient capital.

Chinese correspondents stationed in Paoting had appealed to General Fu Tsiang for an aeroplane to take them out, but did not wait and left with the last conveyance.

Guerrilla Tactics

The Nationalist forces in Central Hebei, it is reported, are preparing to resort to guerrilla tactics, concentrating on offensive thrusts in the defence of the capital.

It is intended to apply this strategy in the area of Paoting, which is gradually being surrounded by General Nieh Jung-cheng's Communist troops.

It is reported that the Nationalist forces in North China, to the north of the Communists—the others being Kailang, capital of Honan, and Tsinan, capital of Shantung—while the threat continues to develop against Taiyuan, capital of Shansi, and Kwensui, capital of Inner Mongolian province of Suiyuan.

Although the Paoting situation is critical, the main body of Communist forces along the Peking-Hankow Railway, which passes through the city, is still believed to be in the South West.

From here the Communist present a real menace, not only to Paoting, but also Tientsin, as highways lead up to the port city through Communist-controlled Tanghsien, 60 miles to the south of Tientsin—Reuters.

FIRE DESTROYS QUILT FACTORY

A fire which destroyed a cotton quilt factory occurred just before 1 p.m. yesterday in Kennedy St. Receiving the alarm, the Brigade dispatched two appliances under the direction of Station Officer F. K. Young and in less than 20 minutes had the fire out. Though no one was injured, the whole ground floor of the building involved was gutted.

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Travellers reaching Nanking reported that Communist forces driving from the East have reached within four miles of Hsuehchou's airfield—the only supply line left—while on the South West and North Red troops are no more than 10 miles from the outskirts of the city.

Those reports contrasted sharply with Government claims that nine of Chen Yi's columns were beaten and Government forces were driving eastward to Paychi 25 and Nienchuang 33 miles from Hsuehchou.

The main battle for the strategic centre which holds the strong concentration of troops defending Nanking is raging a few miles East of Hsuehchou, these eye-witnesses reported. The Chinese Air Force is believed to be carrying the main burden in the battle against the advancing Reds.

Whereabouts of the Seventh Army group, credited three days ago with a major victory against the Communists on the East flank of the Hsuehchou line, is unknown. For a time those armies were encircled East of the city and supply by air was necessary. Now Hsuehchou air officers admitted their position is no longer practicable. Further West, only four or five miles from the airfield, mortar shells were falling into villages along the line where the new Fifth and Eighth Government armies were trying to halt the Reds.

Plane Attack

One eye-witness said that low-flying fighter planes several times halted Red attacks. Hsuehchou's airport itself was under threat of capture within the next 48 hours. Already some installations and stranded training planes have been demolished by sledge hammers and the air force prepared to evacuate the field at short notice.

Two days ago all personnel were ready for evacuation, these sources said, as the Reds threatened to overrun the field. But arrival of the new Fifth Army transferred from positions West of Hsuehchou not only stopped the Reds but drove them back several miles.

From this position the Communists again regained ground and are now approaching a line of fortified hills four to five miles East of the field.

US Tries Cracking Petrol From Oil Shale

Danver, Colorado, November 13.
The United States, seeking self-sufficiency in petroleum for any emergencies, has embarked upon a programme of cracking petrol from oil shale in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado.

At a pilot plant refinery operated at Anvil Points, thousands of tons of grey shale are being treated by the US Bureau of Mines in the first large scale effort of its kind in this country. Colorado's oil shale reserves are the largest and richest in the world, potentially capable of yielding 200 to 300 billion barrels. The potential in other western states of Utah and Wyoming is guessed at 26 to 46 billion barrels. Nevada, Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and California are known to contain deposits of shale oil as well.

Price Competition

These huge resources are as yet more theoretical than practical at the moment. Ways still have to be developed to make a synthetic fuel that will compete in price to gasoline refined from petroleum. Production prices for both are about the same—three dollars a barrel—but the greater cost of refining shale oil still leaves it commercially doubtful. E. V. Murphy, president of Standard Oil Development Company, said the oil companies are laying out about



Advances In Army Communications Demonstrated

London, November 13.

Advances since World War II in Army communications were recently shown to the Forces, the radio and electrical industry, and to a limited public at Britain's Signal Research and Development Establishment, Christchurch, Hampshire.

An outstanding example of the results of scientific research and engineering development in collaboration with industry is the latest infantry portable wireless equipment, the No. 88. During the demonstrations four sets were shown. One was carried in a tank, the other in a helicopter, while the third and fourth were carried on the chests of two infantry men.

All sets gave instantaneous communication with the control. The set enabled an enemy stronghold to be taken with the help of smoke and armour and a casualty to be evacuated by air. The set weighs 11 pounds, and has a range of a mile-and-a-half over normal ground. The 88, like the modern Army receiver, the R.209, can also work under water.

Coding Speech

There is also a remarkable improvement on the type of centimetre beam communication which was used between Field Marshal Lord Montgomery in the Western Desert of Africa and London. Any interference can be reduced to a minimum by "pulse code modulation", which breaks speech into telegraph signals and transmits the result as a series of on-off pulses. These are decoded into speech instantaneously.

Another new development is a multi-channel radio link which can be used to bridge a gap in cables caused by mounting or swamps. Conversations were carried on between the Signal Research and Development Establishment and the Forces.

The Weather

At 1000 GMT (1 p.m. HKST) the typhoon was centred 80 miles NE of Hsuehchou and moving NW at 10 knots. The situation is now extremely critical. The typhoon continues to dominate the remainder of the area.

Today's Forecast—Moderate N winds. Fresh at times in exposed places tonight. Fair or fine.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 75.3 deg. F. Minimum 50.0 deg. F. Sunshine 10.4 hours. Rainfall Nil. Total since Jan. 1—2462.3 mm. (96.94 in.) as against an average of 2000 mm. (78.74 in.) for this time of year.

Headlines—Hsuehchou, 100 miles NE of Nanking, is under attack by Communist forces. The city is isolated and its defence is precarious. The Nationalist government is preparing for a possible assault.

Other News—The British authorities in Germany warned Russia tonight that they would view with the utmost gravity any attempt by Soviet fighters to force down in the Berlin air corridors aircraft planes bearing British markings. The warning was given in a one-sentence reply from Major General V. J. S. Westropp, British Deputy Chief of Staff, to a letter sent by Lieutenant General G. S. Lukyantschenko, the Soviet Chief of Staff, alleging that aircraft not bearing international nationality markings were flying in the air corridors.

NEGOTIATORS CLEAR HURDLES IN PARLEYS

San Francisco, November 14.
The troublesome issues of the hiring hall, overtime pay and hours of work were agreed upon today by negotiators seeking any early end to the 73-day Pacific coast maritime strike. Waterfront employers and striking Congress of Industrial Organisation union officials framed an agreement in principle on the hiring hall providing for the equalising of work opportunities.

Birth Expected Any Hour

London, November 14.
Princess Elizabeth's baby is expected within a few hours, sources close to Buckingham Palace said today. At 10.30 a.m. today Sir John Weir, physician to the King, and the Court correspondents who will flash the news to the world have not been summoned to the Palace. Sir William Gilliat, Princess Elizabeth's gynaecologist, spent the night at the Royal residence. He decided to remain after he made his third trip there on Saturday shortly before midnight.—United Press.

Court Ruling

The Supreme Court recently ruled that an employer, where no contract existed, had to pay "one time and a half" after 40 hours work. The rate is to be determined on the average hourly wage earned in the preceding 40 hours. However, the law permits trade union to have contracts whereby employees work longer than 40 hours in any week without paying statutory overtime of time and a half.

In the case of the longshoremen, they may work up to 60 hours in any work week. They get straight time for the first 40 hours and time and a half for the next 20 hours. If an employee works for longer than 40 hours he would receive statutory overtime based on the average hourly pay for the preceding 40 hours.—Associated Press.

Piper Cub In Forced Landing At Sandy Bay

Sandy Bay, which faces the Queen Mary hospital, was the scene of a forced landing by a Piper L-4 aircraft at about 1.25 p.m. yesterday. The staff of the hospital at the above time noticed a plane doing what they thought was an aerobatic stunt. They realised later that the plane must have developed trouble of some sort when they saw it starting to dive into the sea. Within no time, the staff sent a message to the Water Police, who immediately relayed the message by radio to all police launches patrolling in that area. The pilot, Mr. Cedric Salter, aged 27, and his brother aged 15, a passenger, were taken to Queen Mary hospital by RN ambulance. They were treated for minor injuries and were then released. Apparently, the pilot was not able to make a landing with the plane's engine cut.

Plans For Sending Arms To China

Information on plans for transporting a considerable amount of arms and ammunition from Hong Kong to North China has been intercepted by the Hong Kong Police, reported the evening edition of the vernacular Sing Tao Jih Pao yesterday. The newspaper said that the information, intercepted by the police revealed that the arms include a large number of machine guns. It added that the police suspect the clandestine arsenal to be hidden in the Yaumatei district—Kowloon's main rendezvous for underground organisations. The police, however, denied the report and claimed they have heard nothing regarding the matter.

East, West Exchange Letters In Berlin

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Sabotage?

The Russians tonight accused the American in Berlin of allowing "criminal elements" in the American sector to sabotage the elevated railway. The Soviet letter said the Russians would force down any unidentified planes to land on Soviet airfields. "All British aircraft flying in the British Zone and in the air corridors to Berlin carry the proper national identification markings and 'no commander in chief would regard the forcing down of British aircraft bearing national identification markings and proceeding on their lawful occasions as a matter of utmost gravity," General Westropp's reply said. The American authorities, who also received a copy of General Lukyantschenko's letter, sent a similar reply three days ago.

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RATS PRESENT SERIOUS PROBLEM TO HONG KONG

Hong Kong's rat colony is at least as large as its human population.

This is the estimate of the city's Rodent Control Officer, Mr. John D. Romer, who, with 60 assistants, daily combats one of the most serious potential menaces to health.

Pied Pipers of today are scientists who know the rat's habits, instinct and "personality" better than the rat itself. England replaced the hazardous trapping and poisoning method with a scientific approach during the war and it was introduced here in July, 1946.

Mr. Romer said the most serious menace was the "reservoir infestation" consisting of more than 200 rats capable of setting up new infestations in the vicinity. One could be found in almost every large Chinese tenement block. While comparatively more complaints came from Europeans than from Chinese and it was the Department's policy to deal first with complaints, the officers still found time to make routine checks of the tenement blocks.

There had been no bubonic plague in the colony since 1923, but there were no grounds for complacency as, when it broke out in nearby South China, it was sometimes the case that it would be possible to import it.

In a miniature "laboratory" at the Department, one of Mr. Romer's assistants conducts a daily "flea survey" of live rats collected as the plague organism in the blood of the rat can be transmitted by the flea to the human. Some rats are found to have no fleas, others as many as 20.

Examined For Plague

All dead rats collected are marked with the name of the place where they were found and examined at the public mortuary so that at the first sign of plague, counter measures could be taken immediately in the locality.

Between 7,000 and 8,000 rats are examined each month at the mortuary, but many more die in the buildings and are not recovered.

Mr. Romer said it was impossible to estimate the number of rats killed daily. The four poisons used were zinc phosphide, arsenic, red squill and nitro, with bread mash and boiled rice for baits.

As the first two were especially dangerous to human beings, special precautions had to be taken when laying baits. This

Portuguese Evacuating?

The Macao authorities are preparing accommodation for a large number of Portuguese evacuees from Central China, according to unconfirmed reports from the Portuguese Colony yesterday.

The reports said that the number of Portuguese subjects in central China is estimated at 3,000.

The danger was lessened by the fact that one poison gave a darkish colour to the rice.

Successful Method

Most successful method of dealing with rats was "block control". If a complaint were received from certain premises, all buildings in that block were treated until the few rats which survived the poison could be "mopped up" with wire and break-back traps.

Hong Kong has two types of rats, the common and the ship-mouse, by the way, have never been on a ship but belong to that species—and all are so cunning that they cause a lot of trouble.

Once they become "trap-shy" or take a sub-lethal dose of poison it is not so easy to persuade them to destroy themselves. The controllers overcome this by superior cunning. They lay a different poison in a different base and, unless the rat is particularly clever, it usually succumbs.

Laying Of Baits

Placement of a reservoir infestation usually takes about two months as the controllers allow at least a fortnight between the laying of the different baits. The period before re-infestation at present is about three months.

Mr. Romer said that about 200 ounces of poison had often been taken in the first treatment. As each rat ate only a very small quantity, this proved that the number which died unrecovered was far greater than that found. The trapping figures for October this year were 3,180.

On Mr. Romer's staff are two Rodent Control Inspectors who are qualified Health Inspectors (one in Hong Kong and one in Kowloon), 10 Rodent Control Foremen and 48 coolies.

He said their work would be greatly helped if everyone observed the rules of hygiene and protection of food and refuse in bins with closely-fitting lids.

And if you still do not realise the urgent need for this, he says he has never yet discovered a slim rat in Hong Kong. All are fat, healthy and in perfect trim.

Forrestal Leaves Berlin

Berlin, November 14. The American Defence Secretary, Mr. James Forrestal, and the American Military Government in Germany, General Lucius D. Clay, took off from Tempelhof Airport, Berlin, for Frankfurt today.

Mr. Forrestal told correspondents that more than \$100,000,000 a year, which was being spent by the Americans on the airlift to Berlin, was a good investment for peace.

He said he would leave Frankfurt for Paris later today. He added that in his talks with General Clay they had not discussed the Western European Military Alliance or specifically military matters.

"We did not discuss the question of possible Russian interference with the airlift," he added.—Reuter.

Venetian Gondoliers Get Education

Something new will be added to Venice's traditional enchantment next spring. Educated gondoliers are in the making.

The first gondoliers' school in history—and certainly the only such institution in the world—was opened this week to teach the modern masters of an ancient art a few things that will compete with streamlined water taxis, multilingual guides and organised tourist trips.

Gondoliers will surprise the world next spring, their high-flying art announced.

Three Languages

"Every gondolier will be able to say yes, no, please and thank you in at least five languages and will even converse in at least three. They will know the history of Venice, the history of every canal, the story of every bridge and stone, the romance of the gondola, the tales that make Venice great. They will be diplomats of the oars. No ferry-boat ticket collector will ever come up to this. The gondolier will come, back into his own."

For two sad post-war years the weary gondolier has tried to find a way to compete with the speedy launches which churn up the Grand Canal and through the winding waterways of old Venice, carrying more passengers for less money—at prices the brawny men of the oars can't meet if he expects to eat, too. Now the gondoliers think they've solved the problem.

Three times a week several hundred men gather in the assembly hall of the A. Scarsellini elementary school. Professors shoot lessons in foreign languages at the hard-plugging students, most of them middle-aged.

Lessons are hard. The professors are grim and demanding. But the students are persistent, undaunted and as determined in

Due Today



The Reverend Mr. G. Stevenson, who has accepted the call to the Union Church at Hong Kong, is expected to arrive here today by the ss. Glenis. A reception in his honour will be held at the Garrison School, Garden Road, on Wednesday at 5.30 p.m.

Helena May Institute Organises Gatherings For New HK Arrivals

European girls who spend many lonely weeks after their arrival in Hong Kong, have the sympathy of the President of the Helena May Institute for Women (Mrs. M. M. Annett).

To introduce them to the city, she is organising weekly social gatherings at the Institute. They will be held every Thursday afternoon and visitors have the choice of playing bridge, mah-jong or "just talking."

But if they think also that they will find accommodation there, they will be as disappointed, as are most other new arrivals.

One of the few hostels for working girls, the Helena May has a waiting list on which names were placed as far back as November, 1947. There are about 40 names on the list which is typical of the accommodation shortage.

The hostel now has room for 38 residents and has, at times, held 43. One of its Council's aims is an annex on adjacent land, but this cannot be built for some time.

The hostel, opened on September 16, 1910, by Lady May—after whom it was named—wife of Sir Henry May, then Governor of Hong Kong, has since had many alterations. Looked during the war, it is now almost entirely re-decorated. One of its main features is the library of 1,500 books.

It depends for much of its assistance on donations, a recent one being 5,000 dollars from the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Voluntary Committees

It's slim, grey-haired, publicity-shy President, Mrs. Annett, gives all the credit for its work to voluntary committees.

"I have been President only since May last year, so cannot take much credit for the hostel's work," she says. "It could not be so efficiently without the help of so many voluntary workers and the Council."

Mrs. Annett, whose husband was stationed in Canton before the war, came to Hong Kong in September, 1946.

She has long been interested in women's organisations, being a member of the Associated Country Women of the World in England and the International Women's Club in Canton.

Her aim in introducing the weekly gatherings is not only to make new arrivals feel less lonely, but, in a small way, to help international understanding by encouraging people to tolerate others.

More New Drivers Leave Taxi Posts

By today there will not be more than 15 taxis on the road, Mr. Tang Wo, Secretary of the Taxi Drivers' Association, told the "China Mail" yesterday.

By 1 p.m. yesterday, the number of taxis driven by newly-employed personnel had dropped to 23 from the original figure of 33 on Friday.

The persuasion campaign being conducted by the 574 strikers' drivers to appeal to the new drivers "not to break our ribs" is progressing beyond expectation.

"We hope to place very soon the situation back to where it stood since September 23 until last Thursday," he stated.

Twenty-four strikers are assigned to keep a four-hour vigilance at Pedder Street standing by on a cycle to follow taxis picking up fares. At the garages of the companies, operating vehicles driven by new personnel three or four strike pickets have been posted. To catch taxis carrying passengers and to attempt to persuade them to leave off their job, several men have been stationed at various junctions.

Yesterday morning the Star Taxi Company had eight cars, the Shanghai Taxi Company nine and the Yellow Taxi Company

14, totalling 23 cars in all on the road.

After half a day's persuasion by the picket more than 10 new drivers agreed to pull out. Mr. Tang Wo said.

Several accidents, involving the taxis driven by the new staff, were reported, according to Mr. Tang Wo.

Police guards, meanwhile, maintained their vigilance at the Pedder Street Stand and at various garages. No violence has been reported so far.

A meeting was held last night at the Drivers' Association Headquarters, the results of which have not been disclosed. The meeting is believed to be connected chiefly with public safety, since accidents are reported to have occurred through the employment of these inexperienced drivers.

It is also understood that an attempt will be made by the taxi owners on the mainland to start operating today.

Up to yesterday, Kowloon showed no activity, with no taxis on the road and with newly-employed drivers still awaiting instructions to go ahead.

There is a good field for this at the hostel which, at different times, has provided a home for working girls from practically every country in the world.

Reminders

Today

Crown Land Sale, PWD Office, 3 p.m.
Pound Day, Nethercole Hospital, Bonham Road.
H. K. Stage Club casting meeting for "Treasure Island," China Fleet Club, 2nd Flr, 8.30 p.m.
Royal Artillery (Plymouth) Band concert, China Fleet Club, 8.30 p.m.
Tuslane Club meeting, at YWCA, Duddell Street, 6.15 p.m.
Portuguese institute meeting in conjunction with Sino-British Club Club Lusitano, talk on "The Pioneers" by Mr. J.M. Braga, 6 p.m.
H. K. Light Orchestra rehearsal, 27B Robinson Road, 8 p.m.
Shamela Ball in aid of Boys & Girls Clubs Association, H. K. Hotel, 8 p.m.
Whist Drive, European YMCA, West Lounge, 8 p.m.
International Harrier Road Race, entries close at 5 p.m.
Third International Salon of Pictorial Photography, official opening by the Governor, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
H. K. Rotary Club talk on "Old Tinsin" by Major C.W.L. Wynn, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
H. K. Kennel Club annual general meeting, Roof Garden, 5.30 p.m.
THURSDAY
Third International Salon of Pictorial Photography, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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Kel Tink Dramatic Society presents "See How They Run" at China Fleet Club, 8 p.m.
Christ Church council meeting, Church Hall, 8.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, Kowloon Union Church Hall, 8.30 p.m.
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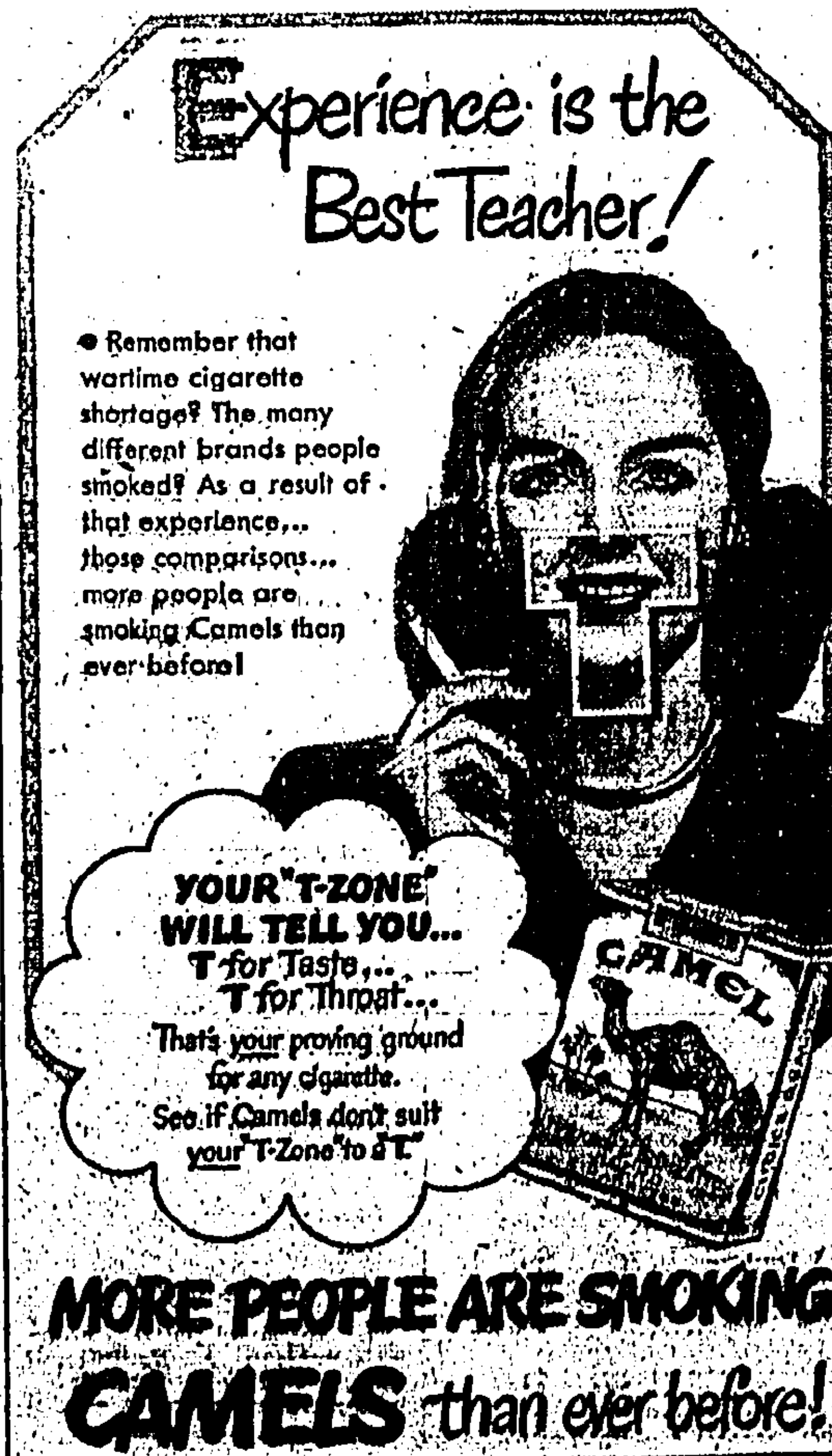
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RESULTS OF THE YEARS WORKING

I now propose to deal with the main features of the Accounts which for the first time have been drawn up in accordance with the Companies Act, 1948.

I refer in the first instance to the absence of comparative figures. To give an accurate comparison would entail re-issuing the 1947 figures on the same basis as those of the current year. This was not possible in every case, and your Board therefore considered it advisable to omit these comparisons. It can, however, be fairly stated that the trading profits disclosed are substantially higher than those of the previous year.

This satisfactory result is due to increased turnover, a return to more normal production, and the fact that the 1947 profits were adversely affected by the fuel crisis in February of that year. To maintain these figures during the current year will be a difficult task in view of the continuing rise in cost of wages, raw materials and services.

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

I will now refer to the Consolidated Profit and Loss Account. The Aggregate Profit before Taxation and provision attributable to minority shareholders, amounted to £4,190,657. In arriving at this figure, depreciation has been charged of £2,712,117 as against £2,609,555 last year and our contribution to the Pension Fund has risen from £165,642 to £214,450, since it was considered right and equitable that all employees in our Pension Fund should, on their retirement, be treated alike and receive a pension based on length of service and salary.

Taxation absorbs the sum of £2,372,658, a crippling amount. The Profit for the year attributable to the Holding Company stands at £1,818,040. The figure shown in last year's Profit and Loss Account was £1,005,441. Adding the Balance of Profit from the previous year and items relating to previous years' business, we are left with an amount of £2,353,692 which has been dealt with as shown in the Accounts.

Of the £2,353,692 Transferred to Reserve, £1,000,000 refers to the Holding Company, leaving the Reserve to a total of £1,353,692. This action was considered prudent in view of the large increase in stock and work in progress, as shown in the Balance Sheet. It is in accordance with the policy of your Board to conserve, and still further increase, the strength of your Company by ploughing back into the business a large proportion of the profits.

The sum of £31,450 has been transferred to a Reserve for Replacement, in order to bring the total of the Holding Company's Reserve to £1,385,142. This reserve appears in the accounts for the first time and its title is self-explanatory. The transfer has been derived from the reinstatement of certain Assets previously written off, but still in use.

Finally we recommend that a Dividend of 7½ pence per annum and a Bonus of 7½ pence per annum on the Ordinary Stock, both less Income Tax, should be paid as last year, leaving the sum of £1,909,210, against £1,077,018 last year to be carried forward of which £1,077,018 against £286,850 last year is in the books of the Holding Company.

The General Electric Co., Ltd. of England, known throughout the world as the G.E.C., is represented in China by the British General Electric Co., Ltd. The consolidated accounts of The General Electric Co., Ltd. show that the capital employed at March 31, 1948 amounted to just over £22,500,000 and that the profit for the year to date after taxation amounted to approximately £1,250,000. The dividend on the Ordinary capital is 10 pence plus each bonus of 7½ pence, both less income tax for the year. The Company has over 65,000 employees.

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Owing to circumstances beyond their control, the Admission Tickets (\$2) to their 72nd "Al Fresco" Fete on December 12, 1948, and the Raffle Tickets conducted by the Chinese Young Ladies Association (Rosary Church) have been cancelled. Purchasers of these tickets, who have not yet returned them to the sellers for cancellation, are requested to do so immediately, and obtain their cash refund.

A. E. TAVARES, Treasurer General.

CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NEW ISSUE OF SHARES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors have decided to issue 2,000,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$5.00 each at par. Shareholders will be offered two new shares for every complete number of three shares held by them as at 20th November, 1948. Where any fraction of a share is involved, it shall be completely disregarded.

Shareholders will receive formal notice on or about the 30th November, 1948, and they, or their nominees, will be required to deposit with the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong, the amount payable upon acceptance of the additional shares (viz. \$3.00 per share) on or before 4th January, 1949. In the case of shareholders whose registered address is outside the Colony, the date for acceptance will be extended to 22nd February, 1949.

The balance due on the additional shares (viz. \$2.00 per share) will be payable at such time or times as shall be decided by the Board of Directors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. W. A. WOOD, Secretary & Chief Accountant.

Hong Kong, Nov. 12, 1948.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE

THE NOVEMBER HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on Monday, November 29, 1948, at 5.30 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

By Order of the Stewards,

S. A. Selap, Acg. Secretary.

Hong Kong, November 15, 1948.

THE CHINA COAST NAVIGATING AND ENGINEER OFFICERS' GUILD

The Ordinary General Meeting of members of the above Guild will be held at the office, Union Building, 21 Pedder Street, Hong Kong, at 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15, 1948.

GEORGE T. LLOYD, General Secretary

Hong Kong, Nov. 13, 1948.

NOTICE

Mrs. Beatrice Church wishes to inform the public that she has nothing whatsoever to do with the Shangri-la Ball this year.

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Hong Kong Bank Beat Jardines

In an Inter-Hong cricket match at Chater Road yesterday, Hong Kong Bank beat Jardines by 58 runs.

Results Of Tennis Encounters

The following are the results of yesterday's tennis games at the Ladies' Recreation Club—

Club Mixed Doubles
Mr. J. D. Mackie and Miss Kent beat Mr. F. Beuk and Mrs. Halling, 6-1, 6-0.

Mr. P. Bonnerman and Mr. S. Saule beat Mr. A. T. Dow and Mr. C. Duff, 6-3, 6-8, 6-4.

TODAY'S GAMES

Handicap Ladies' Doubles (9.00 a.m.)
Mrs. J. S. Dunnett and Mrs. Campbell v Mrs. Standford and Mrs. E. Litton.

Club Men's Doubles (4.00 p.m.)
Tsui Yun-pui and Mr. Litton v Ho Ka-lau and Mrs. T. F. Loo.

HARD COURT TENNIS
Results of the games played yesterday at the Chinese Recreation Club—

Chang, Kong beat Lee Cheuk-sang, 6-1, 6-3.

Wong Kam-sheung beat Chen Ten-kin, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Leung Him-shui beat Khoo Fui-chai, 6-0, 6-1.

It. Segalen beat S. A. Ramjahn, 6-4, 6-3.

Rock Liang beat Chan Shi-mung, 6-0, 6-2.

Wei Pei-chol beat Lee Wai-long, 6-1, 6-2.

Results Of School Soccer

The following are the results of yesterday's school football—

SENIOR DIVISION

Queen's 4 Yeamui 1

Wah Yan 2 Ella Radoorie 1

Yamui (PM) 2 La Salle 1

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JUNIOR DIVISION (HONG KONG)

Govt. Vernacular 0 Queen's 0

E. Radoorie (PM) 1 Waiwai (PM) 1

A. Chinese (PM) 1 Wah Yan 0

St. Joseph's 2 A. Chinese (AM) 1

Waiwai (AM) 3 E. Radoorie (AM) 1

HOCKEY RESULTS

Results of yesterday's Hockey Association fixtures—

Club de Recreo 1, Khalsa 0

Dutch Hockey Club 6, D.K. Kyurd 1

R.C. 1, Cable & Wireless 3, YMCA 1.

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SECTION (A) For Babies Not Over 6 Months

SECTION (B) For Babies Not Over 18 Months

NON-CHINESE BABIES

SECTION (A) For Babies Not Over 6 Months

SECTION (B) For Babies Not Over 18 Months

THE JUDGE OF THE COMPETITION WILL MAKE THEIR SELECTION FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHS AS PUBLISHED IN THE "WEDNESDAY SUPPLEMENTS" OF THE "CHINA MAIL". BEFORE THE PRIZEWINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COMPETITION WITH A PRIZE OF \$100 FOR THE PERSON WHO PLACES THE TWELVE PRIZEWINNING BABIES IN THEIR CORRECT ORDER AS DECIDED BY THE JUDGE—OR FOR THE PERSON WHO IS MOST NEARLY CORRECT.

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MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THIS NEWSPAPER WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS COMPETITION.

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By Shepard Barclay

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CROWDS AT PALACE MAY HAVE LONG WAIT

London, November 13. A small but persistent crowd gathered outside Buckingham Palace tonight, taking up vantage spots on the Victoria Memorial to await the birth of Princess Elizabeth's baby. It appeared likely that they would have a long wait. Palace talk was that the baby, expected to have been born this week-end, possibly would not arrive "for several days."

Within the Palace, a full household staff walked quietly about the long corridors. They passed Sister Helen Howe, midwife, who has been living there for several days, but she had nothing to say.

The royal patient, palace informants said, is "enjoying on a completely normal life" and there is nothing so far to indicate the usual symptoms, would come tonight to the physician who will deliver the child destined to be second in line for the British crown.

Excellent Health

Princess Elizabeth, who has been a model patient throughout her pregnancy, walked in the garden this morning. Then Sir William Gilliat and Sir John Wren examined her and made the usual pronouncement: "That has come really for the past week. The Royal Highness is in excellent health."

Princess Elizabeth spent the afternoon in her room, but she did not go close enough to the windows for waiting cameramen outside the palace to snap her as they did yesterday.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 952 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

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Nine Greeks Dismissed For Treason

Athens, November 13. Nine prominent Greeks have been dismissed from organisations and clubs to which they belonged for treason in supporting an Australian proposal for conciliation between Greece and her Balkan neighbours. It was learned here today.

The Greeks included five former Ministers, two generals and a Deputy. They sent a cable last Sunday to Dr. Herbert Evatt, the President of the United Nations General Assembly, supporting the Australian proposal before the Political Committee.

On Monday, the Deputy Liberal George Vornazanis, was thrown bodily out of the Greek Parliament amid cries of "Treason!" after he had signed the list.

The Premier, M. Themistokles Sophoulis, called all nine "anti-patriots."

The Central Committee of the Extra-Parliamentary Socialist Party under M. Evolos, today issued a statement welcoming the Australian initiative for conciliation and peace, saying: "If the treaty achieved it will secure the heartiest wishes of the Greek people, by the full guarantee of Greek national independence, territorial integrity and democratic liberties."

Fight to those who signed the cable to Dr. Evatt were associated with this party.—Reuter.

REDS ON MARCH IN BATAVIA

Batavia, November 13. Communist forces numbering about four battalions and armed with three thousand carbines are reported moving northward toward the Republican oil centre of Tjepoe from mountain hideouts in the slopes of Mount Lawoe, according to Dutch Army communiques.

Lawoe is about 25 miles southwest of the Communist former stronghold of Maduin. The Dutch said that the Communists are pushing toward Wallackoen on the railway connecting Maduin and Soerakarta, having crossed the Soerakarta river.

In advancing toward Tjepoe the Communists were reported now at Geins and Ngambong.—Associated Press.

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Air Passages For Evacuees

St. Paul, Minnesota, November 14.

Northwest Airlines announced on Saturday that it would increase its weekly round trips from the United States to Shanghai to aid in evacuating Americans fleeing Chinese civil war areas.

Carl Hunter, Airline President, said the two additional trips would begin on November 17 for a total of seven a week.

Hunter said General Douglas MacArthur had requested aid in returning American businessmen and their families, missionaries and military personnel who have fled to Shanghai from the North. The evacuees will enter the US at Seattle, or at Minneapolis.

The additional flights, the airline said, will result in greatly increased capacity for food, medical supplies and clothing from the US.—Associated Press.

SOUTH AFRICA PLAYED IN UN DEBATE

Paris, November 13. Czechoslovakia today accused South Africa before the United Nations Trusteeship Committee of acting towards South West Africa as Hitler and Mussolini did by disregarding given pledges and world opinion.

The Czech delegate, M. Oldrich Chyl, said they learned with surprise that South Africa was breaking a solemn assurance given a year ago that she would not incorporate South West Africa in the Union.

He added: Only during the years when Hitler and Mussolini were on the rampage in Europe have we witnessed such disregard for the given pledge and world opinion at the same time."

The Committee was debating a resolution tabled by Mr. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, the Indian delegate, regretting that South Africa had refused to submit a trusteeship agreement in respect of South West Africa and reaffirming that the territory should be brought under the international trusteeship system.

Before the Committee adjourned until Monday, the Soviet delegate, M. Semenyi Tsarapkin, said the South African "endeavour to seize South West Africa illegally is a flagrant violation of the basic principles of the United Nations."—Reuter.

Tsaldaris Makes Effort To Form New Government

Athens, November 13. Constantin Tsaldaris, the Greek Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister in the out-going Sophoulis cabinet which resigned yesterday, began his consultations to try and form a new Government immediately after seeing the King today. According to the Athens news agency, Tsaldaris, leader of the Populists, the largest party in the chamber, has the firm intention of maintaining the Populists-Liberal coalition.

One of the first personalities he saw was Themistokles Sophoulis, leader of the Liberal Party, who headed the out-going Populists-Liberal coalition. Sophoulis, a former Vice-Premier and deputy Liberal leader, also saw Sophoulis and afterwards told the press they would face the crisis together.

Least Loss
Tsaldaris tonight urged that the crisis should be solved quickly with the least possible loss to the nation.

"We shall not allow Greece to become a Czechoslovakia. We shall take our army which does not talk but fights as an example," he said, according to the Athens news agency.

Declaring the crisis was untimely and inopportune, Tsaldaris

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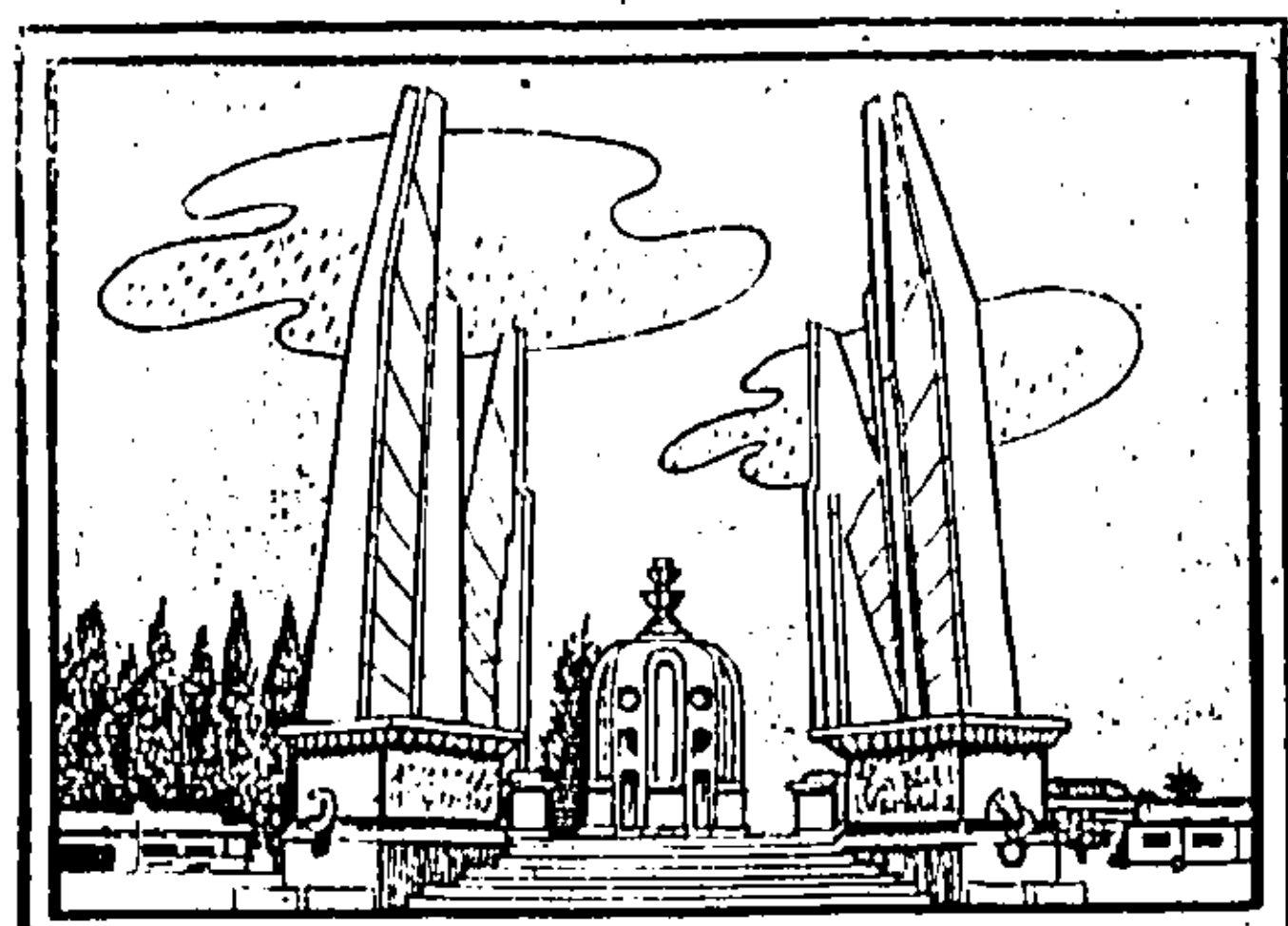
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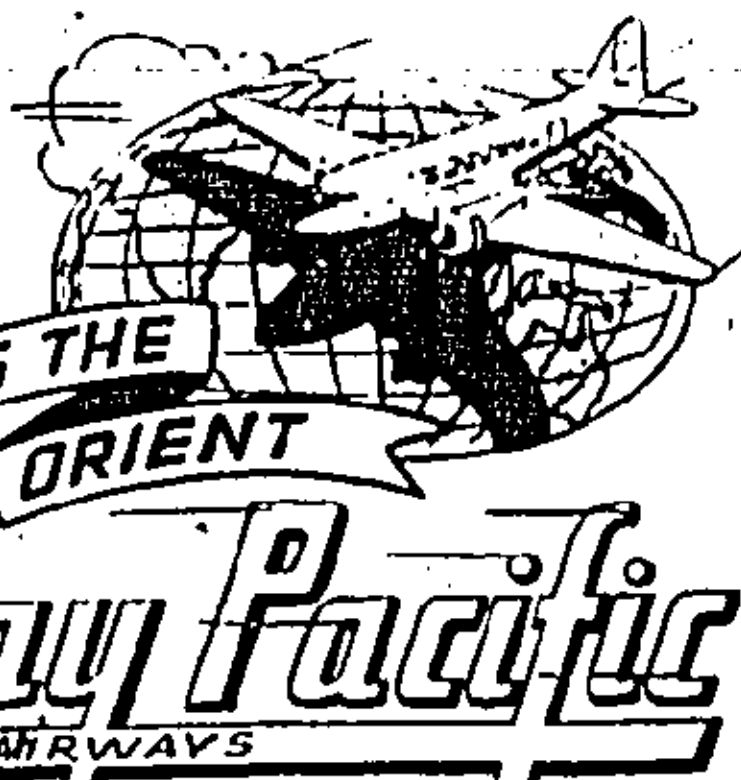
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DOWNMAN: At Kowloon Hospital, on November 13, 1948, to Thelma Alice, wife of Inspector C. Downman, Hong Kong Police, a daughter. Both well.

A GRIEVOUS FAULT

The great police crusade to put an end to the reckless gambling in raffles of various kinds which has been corrupting social life in Hong Kong for years past goes deeper even than we thought possible. No distinction of any kind is apparently permissible: the order is that there shall be no raffles, and no raffles are there to be. It was a mistake, for instance, to suppose that a special concession had been made in the case of the King George V School raffle for the Piano Fund. A good many tickets were sold before the police caught up with the promoters of this iniquitous temptation to grievous sin, but as soon as the grim facts came to the attention of the police, an order was issued prohibiting the sale of further tickets and the cancellation of the whole dark project. That the object of the affair was to provide a piano for a Government school did not influence the caretakers of our moral rectitude in any shape or form, and it appears we owe an apology to someone for venturing to suggest that this thing could have been. We gladly make this amende honorable: though we should have been even more pleased to have demonstrated the existence of a chink in the official armour, of a soft spot somewhere, which worked on carefully might have produced a little common-sense. As it is, the numerous beneficiaries of the good works of the Society St. Vincent de Paul, already informed that the subsidies granted to them will have to be cut in half owing to the depletion of the Society's funds, must apparently reconcile themselves to the thought that our benevolent government knows best what is good for them. They could hardly rest comfortably in their beds in the knowledge that the source of their relief was an offence against the Gambling Ordinance of 1897, against all the tenets of their Victorian forebears.

Oil From The China Sea

The construction on the jungle coast of Borneo by a British firm of a township whose future occupants will be engaged in drilling for oil beneath the bed of the China Sea, is foreshadowed by the departure from London Airport by BOAC and BEA during the past few weeks of key engineering and building personnel of Messrs. George Wimpey and Co. Ltd., Britain's biggest civil engineering construction contractors.

The township, complete with shops, cinema, fire station, etc., is being built for the British Malayan Petroleum Co., a Shell subsidiary, and already some 25 key men of Messrs. Wimpey have flown out to the site via Cairo, Karachi, Calcutta and Singapore and a further 30 are booked to fly there in the near future. Sir Godfrey Mitchell, Chairman of the firm and his Overseas Director (Mr. P. G. Hudson) also

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In rapid sequence came messages notifying us that additional airports would be developed in Central and South America, and in Liberia under the supervision of the Chief of Engineers; that the Coast Guard would assign four guards to each vessel during transit of the San Canal between Lakes Superior and Michigan, where we had long feared sabotage at the most critical transportation bottleneck in the United States; that Lieutenant General John L. De Witt requested authority to issue 3000 rifles to the Alaskan Territorial Guard; that Lieutenant General Delos C. Emmons, having inspected the New Zealand defence measures in the Fiji Islands, found them inadequate against a major Japanese attack; that General MacArthur asked shipment of personnel to organise live staging areas and one replacement camp in Australia; that Major General Charles H. Bonesteel wanted confirmation of a report that the convoy bringing American reinforcements to Iceland in mid-April would be used to transport relieved British troops to the United Kingdom; that the Caribbean Defence Command recommended activating a new headquarters on the coastal frontier along the Gulf of Mexico, where it was feared Axis submarine activity was likely to increase.

Outgoing instructions concerning defence in the Pacific were radioed to Australia, and to our commands on Christmas, Bora Bora, Canton, and Fiji Islands. To Iceland a directive was sent that General Bonesteel would assume command of the forces there when American units reached two thirds of the total troop strength on the island. To General MacArthur congratulations upon the Bataan garrison's magnificent resistance to Japanese mass assaults during the previous week. To General MacArthur went a message asking information on the inclusion of Dutch officers on his staff in the South-West Pacific.

The study of messages received and the preparation of those to be sent was interrupted constantly by conferences on a multitude of topics with representatives of all the armed services, with government officials and industrial leaders, and with Allied news.

Most of the conferences were held in my own office. Out of them were developed decisions, many minor but some of great significance. Each required action at some point within the Operations Division or the War Department or at some remote point where troops of the Army were stationed. To insure that that none would be forgotten and that records for subordinates would always be available, we had resorted to an automatic recording system that proved most effective.

The method was a complete wiring of my war room with

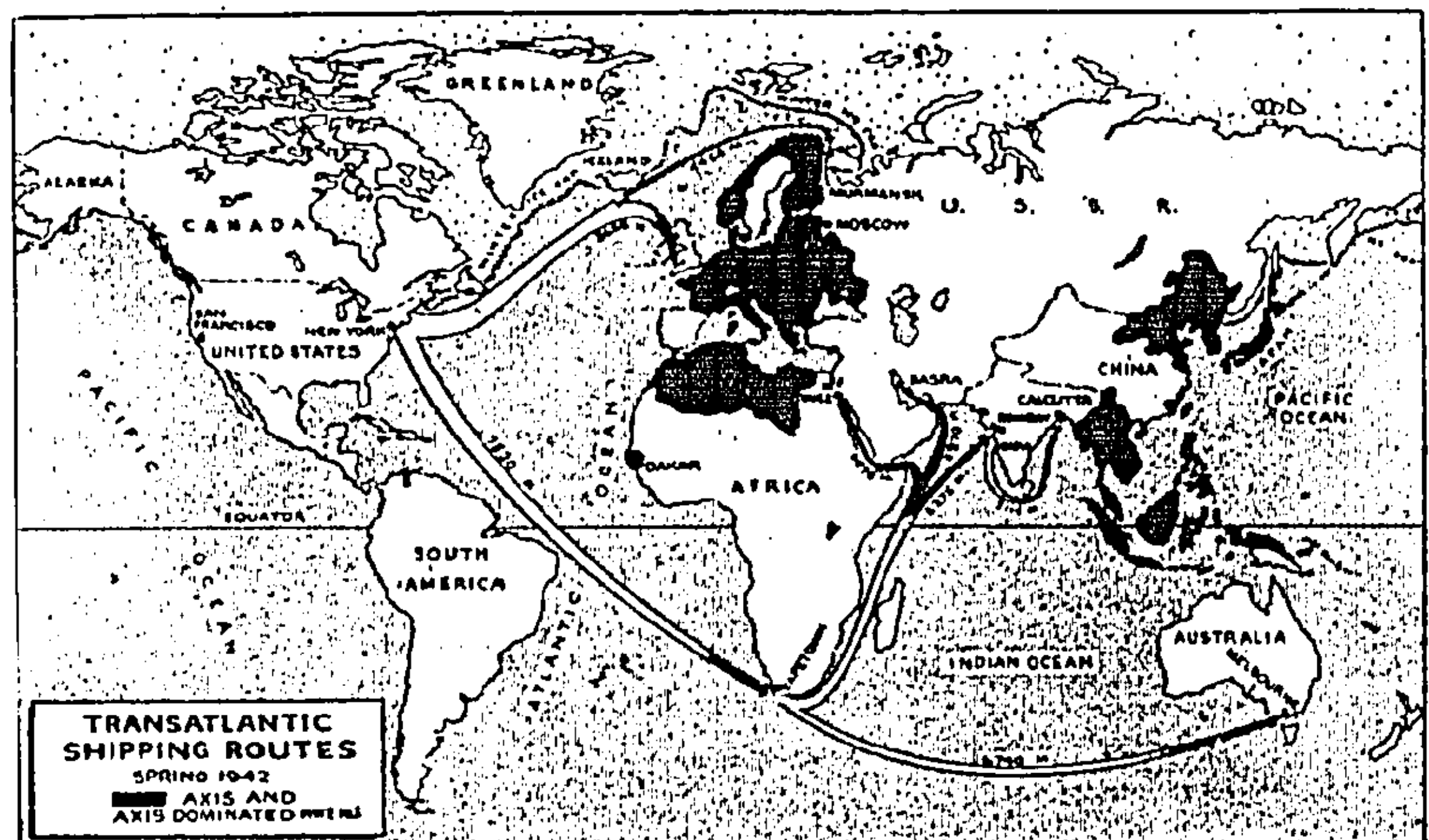
One problem that gave the War Department continuing concern was that of securing practical battlefield experience for portions of the Army before the whole of it should finally be thrown into a life-and-death struggle. In Asia and Africa our Allies were conducting active operations and it appeared logical to take advantage of these circumstances to obtain experience on a wider scale than could be accomplished through the mere assignment of American military observers to various areas.

One morning we received a suggestion that appeared so completely sensible that entire operations staff started to work on it. The idea was to ship one of our armoured divisions to reinforce the British Army in the Egyptian desert. Then when definite American need for this division arose, we would bring out only the personnel leaving its equipment as replacement items for the British forces. The proposition seemed all the more attractive because we were then engaged in producing an improved tank, and by the time we should be ready to use the division ourselves, we counted on having the new equipment ready for issue.

For commander of such a unit my mind turned instantly to one of my oldest friends, Major General George S. Patton, Jr., who

Staff, I called Patton to Washington and, though I knew the answer in advance, asked him whether he was willing to step down from command of his training corps to take a division into actual battle. His answer was in pleasing contrast to that of another corps commander who, when asked to take command of an American combat corps in the Pacific, declined on the basis that it was not fitting that he, a senior corps commander, should serve under an Australian "amateur" soldier.

The desert project for the employment of Patton's division was defeated largely by lack of available shipping. To transport an armoured division by sea there are required, entirely aside from escorting combat vessels, a total of 45 troop and cargo ships. In this instance the convoy would have had to reach Cairo by the long route circling the Cape of Good Hope. The absence of so many ships from other vital supply missions could not be tolerated at the moment.



sent OPD. Before we adjourned the discussion covered topics as specific as the allocation of planes originally intended for the Dutch East Indies while resistance continued there and as nebulous as the German intentions in Syria, Turkey, and Iraq.

By nightfall of April 7 an average day had been spent by everyone in Operations Division. Directly or indirectly, we had been in touch with the principal sectors of our war effort and with many distant places that a year before had been only place names on a map.

As early as February 1942 we were worrying about the production of landing craft. Landing craft are primarily designed for offensive operations; it was difficult to develop a widespread interest in them when everyone was desperately concerned with defence. Although the Navy would have to take charge of building landing craft, it informed us that it could not even provide crews for them. General Somervell promptly retorted that he would do so. With characteristic energy he set about the task and performed it successfully. Months later, when he tried to transfer the organisation to the Navy, we ran up against the curious proposition that the Navy could not take drafted men.

The history of those days of the Pacific war will one day be written in detail. The various decisions, movements, and actions will all be brought into their proper perspective and might have been will be actually accomplished by Washington, and by commanders in the field. This brief recitation is necessary only because, in some of its aspects, the Southwest Pacific situation had a bearing upon plans for the conduct of war in the Atlantic theatre, with which I was to be closely associated. But strive as we did, we could not save the Philippines. The epic of Bataan came to a tragic end on April 9; Corregidor surrendered on May 6.

Naturally I saw and conferred with General Marshall periodically. We fell into a practice of holding at least one general review a week, during which we often sat alone to evaluate the changing situation; sometimes others were called in, so that the conference took the form of a general orientation for key members of the staff. Marshall's rapid absorption of the fundamentals of a presentation, his decisiveness, and his utter refusal to entertain any thought of failure infused the whole War Department with energy and confidence. His ability to delegate authority not only expedited work but impelled every sub-ordinate to perform beyond his own suspected capacity.

True delegation implies the courage and readiness to back up a subordinate to the full. It is not to be confused with the slovenly practice of merely ignoring an unpleasant situation in the hope that someone else will handle it. The men who operate thus are not only incompetent but are always quick to blame and punish the poor sub-ordinate who, while attempting to do both his own and his commander's jobs, has taken some action that produces an unfortunate result.

The incident was a valuable lesson to me, however. I realised that selection of personnel for key positions would, even in war, frequently be opposed only on the basis of routine consideration and commonly accepted standards, and would sometimes be influenced by nothing more important than the single factor of department. Also I learned that combat commanders must be selected from among those who preferred a battle-line position to any other, regardless of lesser considerations.

Development of the Operations Division went so well that my key assistants and I gradually gained more time for thinking and study. We could safely leave routine operations in the hands of a group of outstanding young staff officers, supervised by Brigadier General Thomas T. Handy, Matthew B. Ridway, and Robert W. Crawford and Colonel John E. Hull and Albert C. Wettemeyer, all of whom came into deserved Army prominence before the end of the war.

In the security of victory and with the benefit of hindsight it is easy to point out instances in which the War Department made mistakes. But none of us, not even the most sincere and analytical, can recapture in his own heart and mind the fears and worries of those days. These were reflected in the intensity of emotional and mental strain to which responsible officials were subjected. Time was vital—decisions had to be made promptly on whatever estimates and information were available at the time.

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Washington, November 13. The Department of Interior today announced that a post office has been established in the Pribilof Islands near the Bering Straits close to Russia where millions of fur seals are congregated each spring. The Department said that a bi-weekly airmail service will be provided. The post office will be located on St. Paul Island the population of which is 355.—United Press.

SINGAPORE SOCIAL SURVEY

London, November 13. Singapore's first social survey, details of which were received in London today, discloses that 24 per cent of the city is acutely overcrowded and 33 per cent over-crowded. All but the highest professional and business classes are affected, states the report of the survey, which was conducted by Professor T. A. Silecock, Professor of Economics at Haffes College, Singapore. The report reveals that Malaya furnished the greater part of semi-skilled labour; Indians the greatest number of clerks; Chinese the shopkeepers. Among those educated in English, four-fifths reach the secondary school standard. The Indian community is the least literate. Mr. T. P. F. McNeice, Social Welfare Secretary, in presenting the report, said: "No longer can it be said that we are going ahead blindly, ignoring the dangers of a population increased for in almost all lines. There is a sincerity of purpose behind the publication of this report."—Reuter.

TOKEN STRIKE IN NEW DELHI

New Delhi, November 13. Police arrested 21 workers in New Delhi today during a two-hour token strike by city workers demanding higher wages and allowances and adequate housing. Police and pickets were posted at several points in the industrial area and troops stood by. Essential services, including electricity and water supplies, were not affected. Buses and train cars maintained a normal service.—Reuter.

Churchill Says Attitude "Narrow And Partisan"

London, November 13. Mr. Winston Churchill, the leader of the Conservative Opposition, today criticised as "narrow and partisan" the Government's refusal to choose British representatives to the Western Union Special Committee on an all-party basis.

In a correspondence with the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, issued today, Mr. Churchill wrote: "It will be, in my opinion, a misfortune if His Majesty's Government persist in trying to treat this great cause as a monopoly of the Socialist Party."

Next Saturday

The Committee, consisting of representatives of the United Kingdom, France and the Benelux countries, will meet in Paris next Saturday. The Western Union Foreign Ministers at their Paris meeting last month recommended its formation. Mr. Churchill said he understood that the other four countries concerned were choosing representatives from all parties. He foresaw lively disappointment in the United States at the British Government's attitude.

Mr. Churchill proposed that the correspondence should be published today.

Replying, Mr. Attlee said that since the Committee was to report to the Government concerned, he could not agree that it should have independent status. As the French, Government was a Coalition, it was not surprising that it should choose representatives from more than one party, Mr. Attlee said.

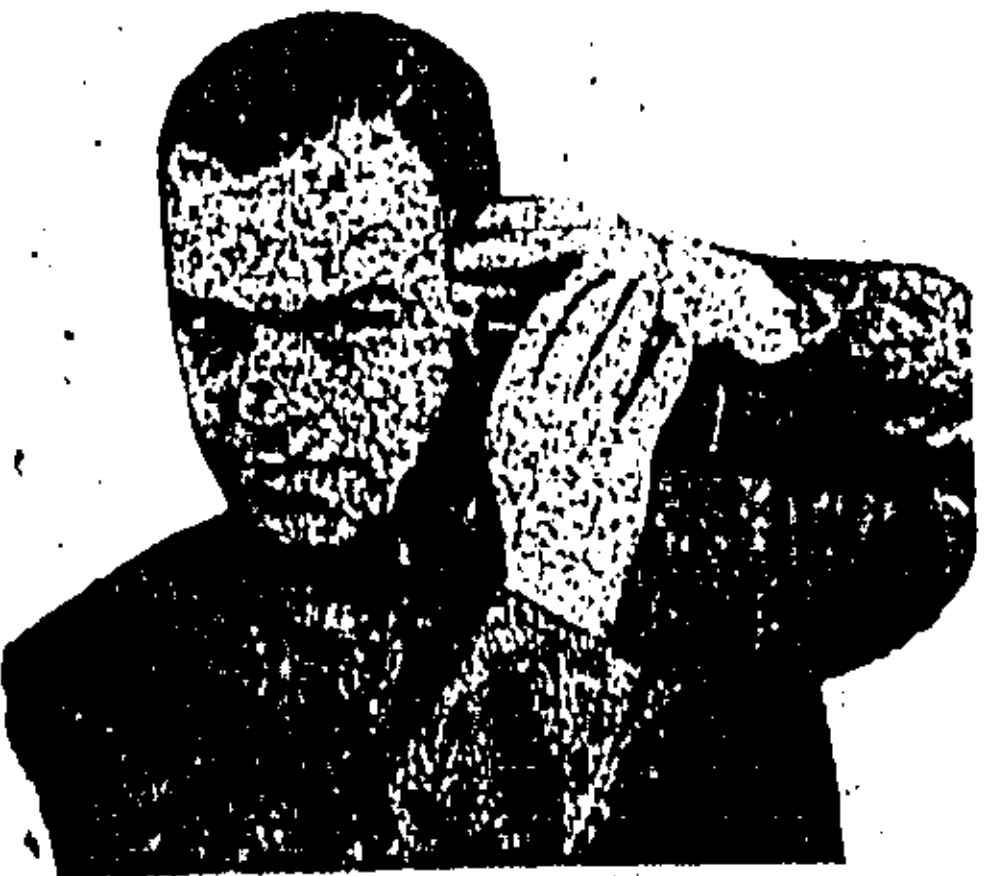
Mr. Attlee added, however, that the main Opposition parties were not represented.

Mr. Churchill, who was Honorary Chairman of the Congress of Europe Meeting at The Hague last May, has given strong support to the idea of a Western European Union.—Reuter.

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Austria Seeks Total Freedom

Vienna, November 13. The Austrian President, Dr. Karl Renner, appealed to the world to set Austria free in a broadcast during the celebrations of the 13th anniversary of the founding of the first Austrian Republic.

Dr. Renner said that Austria should be admitted to the United Nations and should be given self government.

He added: "Set us completely free at last. No longer bar our way into the community of the peoples."—Reuter.

MANILA HOLDS SUSPECTED RED

Manila, November 14. The Bureau of Immigration today were holding Yan Yapan, suspected Chinese Communist leader in Southern Mindanao. Yapan was arrested in Davao City yesterday and flown to Manila for questioning and deportation proceedings. Large scale illegal entries into the Philippines have occurred through the unguarded "back door" of the Southern Islands.—Associated Press.

No War Now, Says Admiral

Manila, November 13. Admiral William H. Standley, who was American Ambassador in Moscow in 1942, said in an interview in Manila tonight that there would be no war between the United States and Russia now that President Truman had been elected for a second term.

Admiral Standley said the Russians in spite of their "bluffing and blustering" did not want to go to war. He added the Russians had hoped the Republicans would win the election and that a depression would follow.

"However, with President Truman in power, such a depression could be averted."

Admiral Standley said he believed the Berlin crisis would not develop into a shooting war but would work itself out "with everybody concerned able to save his own face."—Reuter.

LORD WINSTER RESIGNS

London, November 14. The British Colonial Office said today that Lord Winster has resigned as Governor of Cyprus where communists have been agitating for self-government.

Winster, however, will continue in office for the time being. He is now in London for conferences with the British Colonial Secretary, Arthur Creech Jones.

The Colonial Office statement Saturday said that Creech Jones "agreed" to Lord Winster's resignation and that the expected date is being discussed.—Associated Press.

Appeal May Strengthen Soviet Peace Offensive

Washington, November 13.

Diplomatic authorities in Washington feared today that the appeal to the Big Powers by Trygve Lie and Herbert Evatt to settle the Berlin dispute may have the effect of strengthening what the United States Secretary of State, George Marshall, described yesterday as "a Soviet peace offensive designed to play upon the general desire for peace with the real purpose of weakening the United States' position."

They said it appeared that only abandonment of their previous insistence that negotiations cannot be resumed until the Russians until the "duress" of the Berlin blockade is removed would enable the Western Allies to accept the appeals proposals for "immediate conversations."

Though the official text of the appeal was still in the process of transmission, the State Department here took immediate steps to draw President Truman's attention to news agency versions of it.

Conference

American officials said that the President would probably confer within the next few hours on the matter with Mr. Marshall in Paris by phone or cable.

It was thought possible that the unexpected development might speed up Mr. Marshall's plans to return to the United States to confer on outstanding foreign policy issues with the President.

In Western European diplomatic quarters here reaction to

Mixed Reception For Evatt-Lie Appeal

Paris, November 13.

The appeal of Dr. Herbert Evatt, the President of the General Assembly, and Mr. Trygve Lie, the Secretary General of the United Nations, to the "Big Four" to try and settle the Berlin problem quickly had a mixed reception in the United Nations.

The general view here is that as the appeal was made over the heads of the four delegations involved on official reply from Britain, France, the United States and Russia can only come from heads of the four Governments.

The following questions are puzzling diplomats here: (1) Why has the appeal, asking the Big Four to hold "immediate conversations" on the Berlin question been made at this point?

These conversations have been going on quite busily in the last few days. The President of the Security Council, Dr. Juan Braganza, saw the three Western powers' delegates two days ago. Last night he died with Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky.

(2) Does the appeal ask the four powers to hold conversations under the duress of the blockade? If so, Western diplomats would view the proposal with great caution.

(3) Is the Berlin blockade question as urgent as the appeal says? The considered opinion of Western quarters is that the Berlin blockade has become more embarrassing to the Soviet Government than to the three Western powers.

The Soviet delegation here has shown considerable eagerness to get the Berlin problem settled.

Rail Embargoes In US Extended

Washington, November 13.

The Association of American Railroads today extended the embargo on movement of goods for export to four more ports on the East Coast, where shipping is tied up by the strike of 35,000 dockers in States from Maine to Virginia.

The new embargo affects Baltimore, Philadelphia, Hampton Roads, Wilmington.

An embargo on export freight through New York and Boston was ordered yesterday. This action, taken to prevent goods wagons from piling up at the ports, will affect nearly all freight including Marshall Aid shipments.—Reuter.

Bandit Had Planter's Gun

Singapore, November 13. Scots Guardsmen today shot dead a Chinese bandit who had clutched in his hand a revolver issued to the 26-year-old British planter, Mr. Norman Searson, who was killed by terrorists last week.

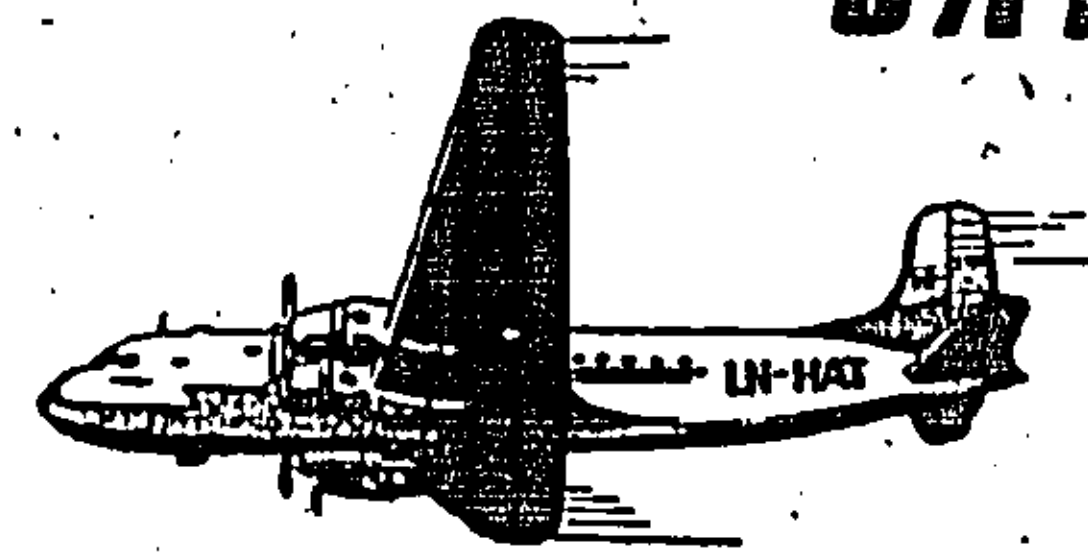
The Guardsmen with police attacked a jungle camp in North Belangor State. Mr. Searson was killed in the same area.

The combined police-military patrol seriously wounded two other Chinese, believed to belong to a "killer squad" working in the area.—Reuter.

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PYRENEES FOR WEST DEFENCE?

Brussels, November 13.

A high Belgian military source said today that Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, as Chief of Staff of the Western Union, is planning to defend Western Europe along the Pyrenees.

First evidence that Viscount Montgomery has won out—probably at the recent conference with American and French Military Chiefs in Germany—is in the reported American plan to retreat to the Pyrenees in case Western Europe is invaded.

The Belgian source said that Viscount Montgomery's talks here with Minister of National Defence Colonel Raoul de Frateur and high ranking Army and Air Force officers dealt only with the part Belgium will play in the Western Union joint defence programme.

The peace-time Belgian Army totals 55,000 with 24,000—two army divisions—stationed in Germany. An armoured division equipped with American Sherman tanks is now being formed. Stationed at home are Commando and Paratroop regiments of 2,500 men each trained for

guerrilla warfare, but useable in the event of invasion as shock troops.

Year's Service

Other Unions have recruits undergoing a year's compulsory service. Coincident with Viscount Montgomery's talks in his tour of the Western Union countries, the Ministry of Defence announced the appointment of three Belgian officers to his staff. They are Colonel J.E.M. Dessain, Major Homby and Captain Commanche de Visschere, all with wartime experience with the Belgian Army in Britain.

Viscount Montgomery came here from the Hague where it is understood that he suggested that some of Holland's 100,000 men in Indonesia could be used in Europe's defence. Holland, at present, has only 50,000 men in Europe.

Viscount Montgomery is also reported to have talked with the Dutch Defence Chiefs of a "body-punch" plan to retain footholds in Western Europe as the enemy is over-run by the invaders. Some points reported included the Dutch naval base at Flushing, the defence zone in Pas de Calais and a number of Southern French ports.

From Brussels, Viscount Montgomery will go to Paris to meet the Defence Chiefs who ground troops are likely to form the bulk of any initial defence force. If the Western Union countries accept his plan, Viscount Montgomery will set up headquarters at Fontainebleau and assemble a staff for detailed planning.

Touching Landing At Taiyuan

Peiping, November 14.
Captain William Wingfield of Littlefield, Texas, pilot of Major General Claire Chennault's Civil Air Transport, yesterday morning made a "touch and go" landing on Taiyuan's west field which a few days ago was heavily shelled by Communist artillery.

Captain Wingfield said that he refused to come near to his C-47 to unload a cargo of rice, fearing that the plane might be a target for the Communists' artillery. He said he kept his plane engines running while he and his crew quickly pushed the rice out. They completed the job in a matter of minutes and took off for Peiping.—United Press.

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Planes, Explosives, Bridge In Record Cargo For China

Vancouver, November 13.

The largest single arms shipment ever to leave this port for China is being loaded aboard the Canadian freighter, Islandside, here.
The cargo includes 30 twin-engined Mosquito bombers, a collapsible steel bridge and 5,000 tons of explosives, which is said to be used for shell powder.
Last year the freighter Colima was picketed here while taking on an arms shipment for China. There was no such incident today when the Islandside started loading.—United Press.

MUKDEN'S FATE TO BE THAT OF PEIPING TOO?

Shanghai, November 14.

The feeling is growing that Peiping will become another Mukden in China's civil war.

This stems from the belief in many quarters that the Communists will not make a frontal attack on Peiping but will seek to bypass the North China city, isolate it from the rest of China and go ahead with the business of taking Tientsin, which is considerably more valuable than Peiping.

One Chinese official source from Peiping at present in Shanghai, in an interview with the United Press, said this belief was generally shared by Chinese and foreigners alike in Peiping. He pointed out that Peiping has no factories or other industries and no productive enterprises of any kind that would benefit the Communists.

He said if the Reds moved into the city the caring for its refugee swollen population would be a liability and not an asset.

Austere Winter

The source said that most of the foreigners as well as Chinese are preparing for a winter which will be austere but not too critical as they will look to the same kind of relief that provisioned Mukden for so many months to prepare for a winter with food and other necessities.

He added that although it is too early to predict accurately what General Fu Tso-yi plans to do to defend North China, it is generally believed that whatever action follows it will eliminate the need of airlifting of military supplies to Peiping if it is isolated.

TOKYO TRIALS DRAW COMMENT

New York, November 13.

The New York Times, in an editorial, today said "The people of the world today and the historians tomorrow will agree, we believe, with the verdict of guilt and sentences handed down yesterday in Tokyo by the International War Crimes Tribunal: against the 25 Japanese war leaders."

The editorial added: "The tribunal traced the pattern of aggression that should effectively dispose of the argument used by Roosevelt critics in this country that the late President deliberately provoked them into war. The trial record shows they needed no provocation. The attack on Pearl-Harbour was according to plan."

There was one notable absentee from prisoner's dock yesterday was Emperor Hirohito. The Emperor was given immunity which put the question of his guilt or innocence outside the province of the Tribunal.

"Whether it would have been better otherwise no one now can say. If the decision saved lives, if it smoothed the way for occupation and made easier the process of demoralization of Japan it should prove to have been the wiser course. Only the future can answer that riddle."

Civilian Court

"It would undoubtedly have been better if the trials had been held before a civilian rather than a military court whereby the Japanese people would have been able to transfer all guilt to Tojo and his fellow generals and admirals."

"As tried and convicted, these men stand now as symbols of the way of life and way of thinking and not as individuals only. If the record is read correctly by the Japanese people they will have much to keep them from ever again surrendering their fate in the hands of a few."

The Herald Tribune editorial said: "Few men who stood trial since men first used judges and courts have more thoroughly deserved punishment than the 25."

Japanese who were sentenced yesterday by the International Tribunal at Tokyo.

No Complaint

"There can be no complaint against the sentences of death by hanging imposed on Hideki Tojo and six other defendants or the sentences of imprisonment imposed on the lesser villains."

"The only unexpected feature of the trial was that it lasted two and a half years. This, obviously, was a serious mistake. The hanging of Tojo would have far greater effect if it had been carried out when his felonies were fresh than it can now when new international crimes have distracted attention from the mass murders of a few years ago."

The Scripps-Howard editorial had this to say: "Many Americans and Japanese think it would have been better to court martial and shoot the criminals immediately after the surrender. We think not."

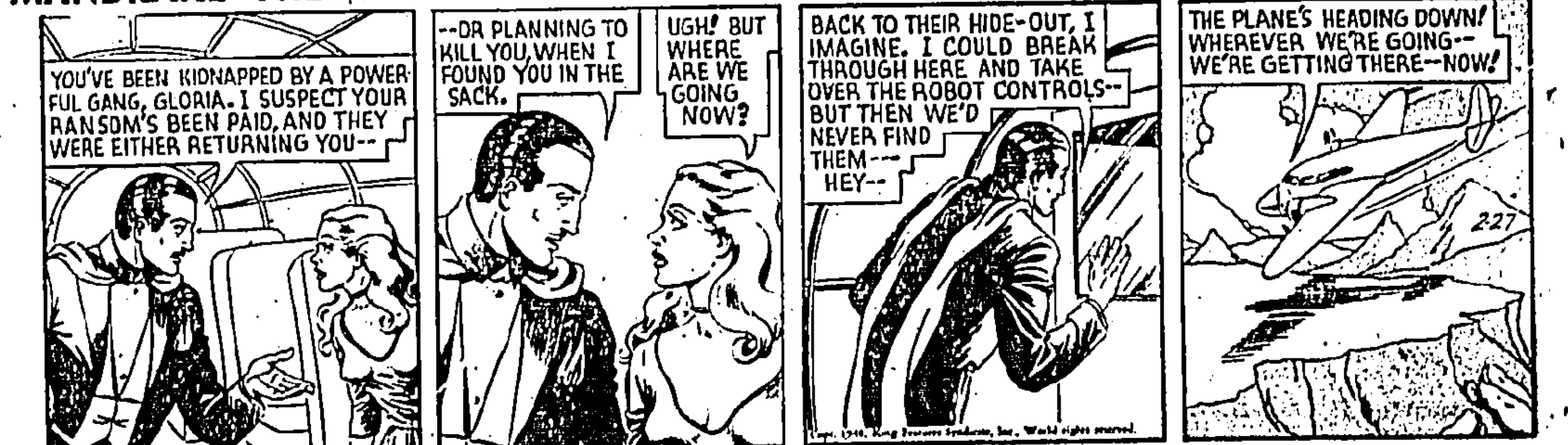
"Despite the unfortunate length of these legal proceedings a civil trial with full rights of defence was essential. Not only in justice to the criminals but in fairness to civilisation they tried to destroy. In no other way could the contrast between ruthless power and reign of law be demonstrated so completely."

"One question remains—the Emperor."—United Press.

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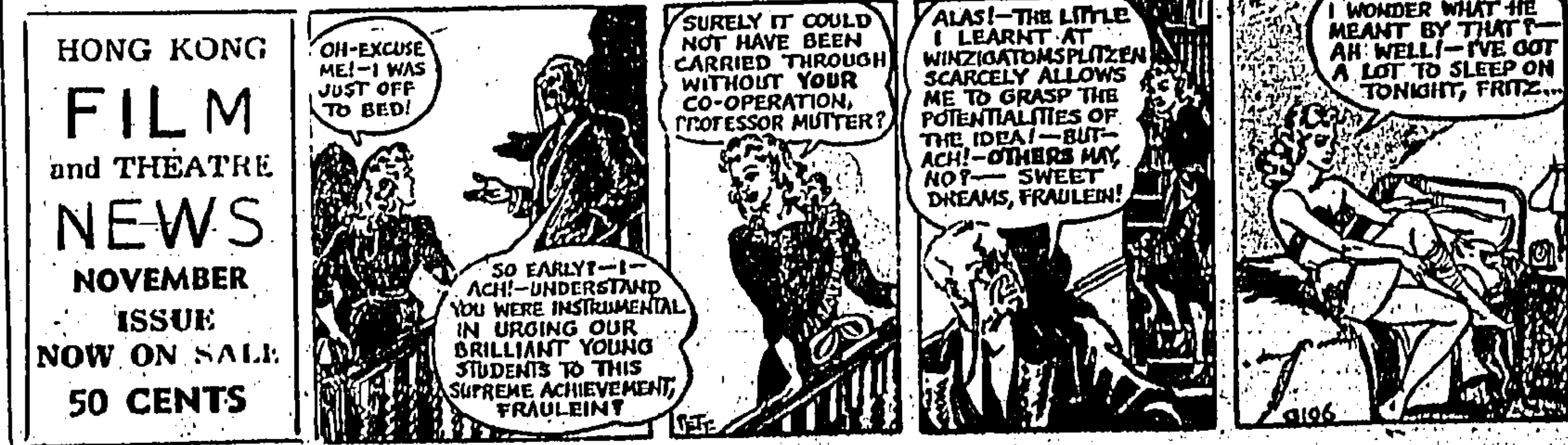
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BULLETS FLY AS STRIKERS AND POLICE CLASH IN PARIS

Paris, November 13.

Two strikers, reported to be suffering from bullet wounds, were taken to hospital, after shots had been fired in a clash between police and strikers in the Western industrial suburbs of Paris Puteaux and Suresnes, this evening. Eight other strikers were injured.

The clash was a sequel to the 24-hour general strike in the Paris area ordered by the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour in protest against Armistice Day incidents near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

A French news agency said the shots were fired by strikers but eye witnesses later told Reuter they were fired by the police.

The Director General of the Paris Municipal Police, Georges Maurice, personally headed police reinforcements sent to the district, a mainly working class area of Paris, which was gripped today by a 24-hour strike called by the Communist-led Trade Union Council of the region.

The Puteaux-Suresnes area lies to the West of Paris just over the river Seine from the Bois de Boulogne.

The trouble began in the area this morning when strikers tried to stop non-strikers from going back to work. Four strikers' leaders were arrested but were later released.

Bus Wrecked

In the late afternoon, about 400 persons marched towards the Puteaux Commissariat of Police. On their way they tried to stop buses which were still running in defiance to the strike call. One bus was wrecked by the strikers.

Later a deputation of strikers was received at the Puteaux Police Commissariat and asked for the release of a striker arrested at Puteaux.

The situation tonight was still calm with about 300 Mobile Guards standing by at the Puteaux police station.

A legal inquiry was opened tonight into the case of the clash and the shooting. It was officially announced. The announcement said one of the wounded taken to hospital was a man aged 74, for whom no profession was given. The announcement added that 17 policemen were injured, six of whom had to go off duty.

Services Cut Off

The strike deprived Paris of newspapers and almost paralysed its transport system. Gas, water and electricity services were cut off in some districts and funerals had to be postponed until Monday.

All printers obeyed the strike call. Only about 10 per cent of the normal transport services in Paris were running.

The underground railway stations opened as usual this morning guarded by police after the independent Union of Underground Train Workers had announced that it would not take part in the strike. Many lines, however, were without power and most Parisians walked to work.

The Christian Mineworkers' Trade Union tonight denied rumours that it would take part in the joint action with the Communist-led GGT. It advised all its members to continue at their jobs as hitherto.

Police Kidnapped

In Central France, striking miners kidnapped three police officers and the driver of a police patrol car when police attempted to break up a strike demonstration at Crabeire les Mines in the Puy de Dome Department.

According to a French news agency report, the strikers then went to a nearby pit and forced the three police officers to go down into the shaft after having given them food supplies.

The strikers seized arms from the police patrol cars and took them to the local town hall.

Seven policemen were injured at Villejuit, a southeastern

UN Fund For Arab Refugees

Paris, November 13.

The Social Committee of the United Nations today decided to set up a special organization to administer a \$25,000,000 fund for Palestine Arab refugees.

Mr. Trygve Lie, the Secretary General, was authorized to advance immediately a sum up to \$5,000,000 from the United Nations working capital to get the programme started. Member nations are being asked to make as soon as possible contributions in kind or in funds. Voluntary aid by non-member states will also be accepted.—Reuter.

Two other persons charged after the rioting will appear in court on November 20.—Reuter.

NO GUESSWORK ON LANDINGS FOR NEXT WAR

Argentina, Newfoundland, November 13.

If and when American troops hit beaches again, odds are that they won't be plunging into the death traps of powder and sand as they did on Iwo Jima and other Pacific islands during the last war.

Thousands of American soldiers and Marines died on these beaches because men and machines got stuck in the shifting volcanic dust and vehicles were bogged down.

But next time there won't be any guesswork. Military planners will know whether the beaches they are about to attack are hard or not. Several university scientists working on the problem tried their technique during the recent landing manoeuvres at Argentina.

It boils down to applying the knowledge of geology to the interpretation of aerial photography. A scientist believed that by proper interpretation of aerial photography, a scientist believed that by proper interpretation of aerial pictures, such deadly landings as that on Iwo Jima can be avoided.

This scientist's method works as follows: The scientist studies the beach photographs under a powerful magnifying glass to determine the form of land and its geological origin. He decides whether it is glacial, volcanic, coral, coastal plain or delta. With that information he can tell what soil is likely to be found and whether the sub-soil is loam or rock.

Then he studied the shore convolutions. These findings are then correlated with studies of tides and currents to determine where the firmest beach is likely to be.

Other experts will study pictures of the tide to pick the ideal landing time.

Although the scientists still have not perfected the techniques, 90 per cent of their calculations proved to be accurate in the Argentina landing.—United Press.

Half A Century

Several drafts of the proposed pact already exist. It is generally assumed that it will provide for mutual guarantees over a long period—perhaps as long as half a century.

Mr. Forrestal called at the Cabinet Offices in Whitehall this morning for a conversation with Mr. Alexander. On his arrival here last night, he went to No. 10, Downing Street, for a talk with the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee.

Mr. Forrestal's 24-hour London visit ended at a luncheon today given by Admiral Richard Goodell, Commander in Chief of the United States naval forces in the Eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean, at the United States Navy Headquarters in Grosvenor Square.

The guests included Mr. Alexander, the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Sir William Slim, the First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fraser, Chief of the Air Staff, Lord Tedder.

In Berlin, Mr. Forrestal will confer with General Lucius Clay, the American Military Governor in Germany, and Western European Service chiefs.

He plans to be back in Washington tomorrow night.

The United States Embassy announced today that the American Ambassador in London, Mr. Lewis Douglas, will fly to Paris tomorrow to confer with Mr. George Marshall, the American Secretary of State. Mr. Douglas will return to London on Monday or Tuesday.—Reuter.

Soviet Feeding Plan Failure

Berlin, November 13.

The British Military Government stated today that the Soviet offer to feed all Berlin, made at the end of July, soon after the Allied airlift began, was turned out to be a "disastrous failure."

The statement said that only 78,000 Western Berliners—about 37 per cent of the total Western Berliners—received food from the Soviet in the Russian sector during November.

Of these, 26,000 were either living on the Soviet Zone or sector boundary, or living in the West but working in the East and had been in the habit of buying their rations there.—Reuter.

US NAVY HAS 'GHOST' SHIPS

Washington, November 13.

The United States Navy announced tonight that it had developed remote controlled ships equipped with television cameras and depth charges which, loaded with explosives, could be sent unmanned to blast beach defences before landing operations.

The ships, ranging in size from huge cargo vessels to landing vessels which could crawl up on to the beaches, were used in the invasion of Southern France in 1944, the Navy said.—Reuter.

Defence Chiefs' Informal Talks

London, November 13.

The United States Secretary for Defence, Mr. James Forrestal, conferred informally with Mr. A. V. Alexander, the Defence Secretary, and Service Chiefs here today before leaving by air for Berlin.

Mr. Forrestal left Washington on Tuesday and visited Paris before coming to London yesterday to confer with British officials. He is understood to be having important talks with Western European Defence chiefs on American support for the Western Union's defence plans and the defence aspects of the projected North Atlantic Alliance.

Mr. Forrestal's visit coincided with a series of secret meetings in London of the Permanent Commission of the Western Union, which consists of a British representative and the London Ambassadors of the other four Brussels Pact nations.

Explosion In New Ship Kills Three

Tacoma, November 13.

Three men died and at least four others were injured today in an explosion and fire aboard the luxurious new Swedish motorship Los Angeles.

Ralph La Floure, a refrigeration engineer, died from the effects of carbon monoxide fumes. The body of a Mr. Olson, engineer for the builders, was removed from the engine room.

The third man, unidentified, was dead on arrival at St. Joseph's Hospital. All the dead men were travelling with the ship which was on its maiden cruise.

Bought originally for Los Angeles from Sweden, the craft was diverted to Tacoma because of the maritime strike. It was loading general cargo and was due to sail tomorrow for Hamburg and Helsingfors. The fire followed an unexplained explosion in the engine room.

A stewardess who declined to give her name said she knew nothing of the accident until she saw smoke pouring from the engine room. A few minutes earlier she had seen several men go below to make final checks before departure. She identified three of the injured.—Reuter.

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US BUSINESS EMERGES FROM POST-ELECTION PESSIMISM

New York, November 14.

Business and industry are showing signs of a fast recovery from the national election jitters. Evidence this week indicated pessimism was carried to extremes following re-election of President Truman and the return to power of a Democratic Congress.

The stock market took one bad spill this week then made a stand. A tiny amount of the more than US\$6,000,000,000 lost since the election was recovered and Wall Street brokers said bargain hunters were back on the buying side.

Industrial production ranked among the year's best. Steel mill tonnage was the highest in history. Electric power output reached new high production for the fifth week, as did crude oil.

NEW HOPE FOR MARITIME STRIKE BREAK

San Francisco, November 14.

Hope of settling the 73 day old Pacific coast maritime strike within the next 10 days developed on Saturday as major North Atlantic ports were closed by a longshore walkout.

An agreement in principle on a major issue of the Pacific coast strike was reached by longshoremen and employers. A joint statement said they had agreed to continue the hiring hall system. The hiring hall is operated by the CIO longshoremen and warehousemen's union.

There was a general belief the Pacific coast strike was headed toward a settlement—possibly between November 20 and 25.

Two potential threats of delay were settlement of jurisdictional points demanded by the AFL sailors union and the question of whether the AFL or CIO should represent radio operators. On the North Atlantic coast railroads extended their embargo on export freight to all major ports. Originally it was applied only to New York and Boston.

A survey showed 202 vessels idle in New York of which 52 were tied up due to the strike, 95 tied up in Baltimore, 32 in Philadelphia, 8 at Boston and 3 at Hampton Roads. —Associated Press.

Better Tone In US Wool

Boston, November 14.

A better tone has been developing in the wool market and was reflected during the week in some selling of fine American wool at about the June peak.

Government offerings of 1945 and earlier wools at very attractive prices had a bearish psychological effect for a time, the Commercial Bulletin says. These offerings were chiefly medium grades.

The Bulletin said Government-held wools were disappearing and thus having less effect on the market which was "consequently returning to firmer prices for private holdings." The Bulletin also says: "Woolen business was moving along in a healthy way, with continuing favourable reports from the goods market. A firm tone was manifest. Dealers were still buying, alone with mills."

"Both domestic and foreign secured wools continued to find demand. Business was on the fine side, 58 and up for the most part." —Associated Press.

URANIUM IN RAND MINE

Johannesburg, November 13. Uranium has been discovered at the Blyvooruitz gold mine, the company's chairman told the annual meeting yesterday.

He reminded the meeting that legislation was passed last session, vesting the sole right to uranium in the Government.

Drop in Cars

There was a small drop in automobile production but it was due to scattered small labour disturbances and scarcity of needed materials.

Soft coal output fell below the previous week but it was still a good tonnage. Building construction work showed no let up from the terrific pace at which new homes and factories have been turned out all the year.

Economists said they could see nothing in the election to change the picture providing good business sense and good political sense prevailed where there were points of difference. The sober view of the economic prospects under the new set of conditions was taken by a large number of nationally known organisations. They used newspapers, radio, special bulletins and other means of communications to get over their view of the situation. —Associated Press.

Steel Products May Cost More

Pittsburgh, November 14.

American steel profits are higher, production is higher and soon prices may be higher. If they are, every steel product from egg beaters to automobiles will cost more.

The steel companies say that while they have just received big fat incomes, their costs are still mounting so much they may have to increase prices again.

United States Steel Corporation, the world's largest producer employing some 300,000 persons, said the "continually rising cost of equipment, supplies, labour, transportation and other essentials has increased costs of planned replacements and additions to its facilities by US\$140,000,000."

US Steel set a pace time record in the first nine months of this year by shipping more than 15,000,000 tons of steel. Bethlehem, the second largest producer, set a quarterly record by producing 3,440 ingot tons. The 1948 production of all mills is expected to approach 68,000,000 tons, for a peacetime record. —Associated Press.

Emigration To Israel Solves DP Problem

Washington, November 13.

The United States Advisor on Jewish Affairs in Germany and Austria said today that the mass aspect of the Jewish displaced persons problem in Europe should end by next autumn through emigration to Israel.

The advisor, Dr. William Haber, a former economics professor at the University of Michigan, has made an interim report to the Army Department, following a recent trip to Palestine.

He added in his report, which was released tonight: "It is my impression that all the Jewish displaced persons who want to settle in Israel will have the opportunity to do so by September 1949."

4,000 Monthly

He said Israel-bound immigrants had been leaving the United States zones at the rate of 4,000 a month, and that since last January the Jewish DP population decreased in Germany

Truman's Living Out.

Washington, November 13.

President Truman and his family will live across the street from the White House for a year or more while the 150-year-old Presidential home is being repaired.

White House officials said today that the Truman's would move into Blair House—the official residence usually reserved for foreign guests of the Government—when they return from their Key West Florida holiday on about November 21.

The repairs to the White House are expected to cost about \$1,000,000. —Reuter.

VYSHINSKY REFERS TO GLASS HOUSES

Paris, November 13.

The Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky told the United Nations today of "a London mob of 30, or 40 yelling, snarling, impudently and screaming insults at the Soviet Embassy in London."

"The alleged guardians of diplomatic rights—the Bobbies stood by, let the crowd in the gales and took no single measure to prevent this insult to the Soviet flag and to the Soviet Embassy," Mr. Vyshinsky declared.

He was replying in the Political Committee to yesterday's allegations by Mr. Hector McNeil (Britain) that diplomats in the Soviet Union were not allowed freedom of movement and that diplomatic rights were not respected.

"It is easy for you to say there is freedom of movement for diplomats in your country, but if one leaves one's Embassy one will be whistled at, screamed at," Mr. Vyshinsky said. "This is the respect and protection that you give to diplomatic rights. People in glass houses should not throw stones." —Reuter.

Fog Clogs Airlift

Frankfurt, November 13.

A fog has all but choked operations at two American air bases supplying Berlin and forced American planes to transfer operations to British bases.

Up to 5 p.m. only 35 transport planes manned by volunteer crews had taken off from Rheinmain and Wiesbaden airfields. —United Press.

LONDON MONEY MARKET

London, November 13.

Difficult conditions existed in London's money market during the earlier part of the week. The absence of Treasury bill maturities together with some outside withdrawals led to keen search of funds.

Despite some assistance when banks purchased bills, official help was occasionally on a large scale necessary before the books could be balanced.

The latter part of the week brought a return to easy conditions, with funds adequate for all needs. One of the large institutions returned to the market after a period of quiet and there was better supply of outside accommodation.

Trading in discounts was moderate with some dealings in December and January dates.

The Bank of England return revealed a fairly large reduction in the special account. The account now stands just above £7,000,000. Bankers' balances with an increase of nearly £8,000,000 reflected improved conditions in the money market.

Applications for £170,000,000 Treasury bills totalled £272,855,000, of which £170,000,000 was allotted at an average rate of 10 shillings and 1.97 pence per cent. —Reuter.

Argentine Food For Germany

Hamburg, November 13.

Mr. Hector E. Russo, Argentine Envoy to Sweden, halted a motor tour of Germany today to distribute to hungry children 5,000 food parcels sent by the Argentine people.

Mr. Russo conferred at the City Hall with Deputy Mayor Christian Koch and they told the United Press: "The parcels are presents of the Argentine people who responded to the call of President Peron and his wife to feed the hungry in Europe with a great Christian enthusiasm."

"More than half a million of these 11-pound gift parcels have been sent to Germany alone so far, and we hope to continue our little bit of help until the people of Europe can stand on their own feet again."

"This mission, makes me as happy as some of the children will be when they receive these parcels." —United Press.

SHANGHAI EXCHANGE MAY REOPEN SOON

Shanghai, November 14.

The Shanghai Stock Exchange and shares markets, which had been closed since August 10 when the Gold Yuan was introduced, may soon be allowed to reopen to absorb idle capital, according to Chinese reports.

Detailed measures governing the reopening of the markets are being worked out by the Ministries of Finance and Industry and Commerce in Nanking, the reports added. —Reuter.

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